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Former Director of Fiji Meteorological Services, Mr. Rajendra Prasad has been appointed the National Programme Officer for UNESCO/IOC. Mr. Prasad will be based in Suva working within the SOPAC's Disaster Reduction Programme.

His primary responsibilities are to initiate and oversee activities related to the development and implementation of the Pacific Tsunami Warning system both at regional and national levels for two years.

Mr. Prasad will be involved in Disaster Risk Reduction activities for both UNESCO/IOC and SOPAC.